

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
RICHARD W. YARLING

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Lieutenant Richard W. Yarling, U.S. Navy, retired, of Jarrell, Texas as he celebrates his 100th birthday on October 18. Throughout his long life, LT Yarling has exemplified not only the best in service to his country, but to his community as well.

Many go through life wondering if they've made a difference. LT Yarling doesn't have that problem. During WWII, he bravely served in the Navy aboard one of the 175 Fletcher Class destroyers, the U.S.S. *Chauncey*. His fearless support of our country's interests abroad serves as a clear testament to his dedication to our great nation and to his commitment to serving others.

After completing years of tremendous service to his country, he went on to graduate from law school. He continued to serve his community, retiring as a Judge Advocate Corp officer. His work speaks to the devoted and generous spirit of a man who puts the needs of others before those of himself.

Over his incredible life, LT Yarling witnessed his nation's brave soldiers defend freedom on foreign shores, watched a humble midwesterner take mankind's first steps on another world, and marveled at technological advances beyond any of his dreams. He saw how America has been defined by extraordinary men and women who fought to make our nation a beacon of hope and freedom, always willing to learn from the past, confront the challenges of the present, and hopeful enough to embrace a better tomorrow.

I join LT Yarling's friends and family in applauding the work and service he has provided. I wish him the happiest of birthdays and nothing but health and prosperity in the years ahead.

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REMEMBERING MR. ARTHUR M.
NEWELL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur M. Newell, of Struthers, Ohio, on receiving the French Legion d'honneur.

The government of the French Republic, since the end of the Second World War, honors those liberators, who restored those liberties with determination, sacrifice, duty, and honor, with the presentation of the Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur.

Conceived over two centuries ago by Napoléon Bonaparte, First Consul of the First Republic of France, his Order was devised to reward eminent military and civil merits in the service of France. The award is still the highest distinction that can be bestowed upon a citizen of France or a foreigner who has done great deeds for France.

Of his service, then Private First Class Newell recalls, "After arriving in Metz, France, our regiment joined others from Patton's 3rd Army in an attempt to breach the Siegfried Line. Just to the east of Metz, we approached our first enemy pillbox. It appeared to be out of action until we were within about 100 feet from it. At that moment the Germans opened fire. A few of our men got hit and a few more stepped on mines or set off booby traps. We took cover. Our heavy weapons platoon came up to the front and with their machine guns and bazookas they took direct aim at the bunkers slotted openings and opened fire. As the battle progressed my buddies and I got close enough to lob grenades towards the fortification. The enemy within the pillbox fell silent."

There is no doubt that Mr. Newell is a true American hero, emblematic of the service that characterizes the Veterans of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the state of Ohio, and the United States of America.

I want to personally congratulate Arthur on this milestone and offer my sincerest gratitude for his unwavering dedication to our country. It

is members of his generation upon which our Nation is built.

HONORING MARK BEHAN FOR RE-
CEIVING THE J. WALTER
JUCKETT COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Behan for receiving the 32nd Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award from the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Behan was born in Troy, New York, and moved to Glens Falls as a child. After graduating from Colgate University, Mr. Behan completed executive development programs at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Law School. Following a successful career as a reporter, editor, and newspaper executive, Behan founded Behan Communications Inc., which counsels a variety of clients in public and community relations as well as crisis communications.

Additionally, Mr. Behan has been actively engaged in serving the North Country for decades. For 18 years, Behan was a member and vice chair of the Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital. He also served on the boards of Kelly's Angels Inc., the Glens Falls Foundation, Arrow Financial Corp., and many other charitable community organizations. Behan recently led the Warren County Hospitality Communications Group to enhance the tourism industry in Warren County and is working with the Warren County's Economic Recovery Task Force.

Mark Behan has led a life devoted to service, charity, and leadership. It is clear why Mr. Behan was chosen as the recipient of the prestigious J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award from the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award is the chamber's most distinguished for community service and is named in honor of J. Walter Juckett, a remarkable businessman and civic leader. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Mark on this honor and thank him for his years of service in the North Country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONOR-
ABLE DAVID CLARK "BUTCH"
MOSELY, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a

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dedicated teacher, school administrator, and beloved coach, Dr. David C. "Butch" Mosely, Jr. Sadly, Dr. Mosely transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, October 8, 2021, at the age of 80. His funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Shady Grove Farm in Climax, Georgia.

David Clark Mosely, Jr., affectionately known as "Butch", was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, on July 22, 1941, to the union of David Clark Mosely, Sr. and Rosalie Evans Mosely. Butch graduated from Climax High School in 1959 and started his post-secondary academic career in Americus on a basketball scholarship before attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, and the University of Georgia, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He attended Valdosta State University, where he earned his Specialist Degree and Nova Southeastern University, where he earned his Doctorate.

Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Accordingly, Butch, throughout his career, stressed not only achieving academic success in his students, but also building character. His impressive career spanned decades and impacted teachers and students across the State of Georgia. He served as Physical Education teacher and Coach of boys and girls basketball teams at Pelham High School and Principal of Whigham Public Schools. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Decatur County, City of Vidalia, Glynn County, and Dougherty County. He served as Interim Superintendent in Carrollton, Douglas, Camilla, and Dougherty. His passion for education and his straightforward approach to making things happen resulted in his being named 1999 Superintendent of the Year by the Georgia Association of Education Leaders.

But Madam Speaker, his commitment to public service did not end there. Butch was elected to represent his community of Climax, Georgia as a Decatur County Commissioner. He later worked with the Southwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency and was appointed to the State Board of Education where he continued to serve as a voice for both educators and students in the state.

Butch was also a man of deep faith and served his God in various capacities at the Climax United Methodist Church, where he volunteered countless hours on various commitments for many years.

Butch accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God, and the love and support of his wife of 54 years, June Cox Mosely; his children, Sylena and John David; and a host of other family and friends, all of whom will miss him deeply.

Shirley Chisholm often said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth". Butch paid his rent and he paid it well. He gave so much to so many for so long and continued until he could give no more. He made students, teachers, and all those whose lives he touched better for having known him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of The Honorable David C. "Butch" Mosely, Jr. for his remarkable service to humankind.

Moreover, we extend our deepest condolences to Butch's family, friends, and all those

who grieve his loss, during this period of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

HOMETOWN HEROES—CHRIS, JULIA, AND SOPHIA PENNY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris, Julia and Sophia Penny, our Texas 24 Hometown Heroes of the week. The spring of 2020 when COVID was starting to cause fear and doubt for all Americans, Chris Penny and his two daughters, Julia and Sophia, brought light and positivity to their community in Grapevine, Texas, where they collected painted rocks from all over the country to place along the Parr Park Rock Art Trail.

It started with a few rocks painted and scattered by the Penny family, then they decided to create a Facebook post and share the idea with the rest of the community. They were on a mission to not only give back to their community, but lift spirits across the nation. As the Penny family began collecting works of art, their community and Parr Park Rock Art Trail were brightened with pieces from countless families and individuals wanting to spread the same happiness and positivity.

Over the course of the pandemic, every family and child was looking for safe activities and ways to keep spirits high. The Penny Family showed such a great way to do just that.

I thank Chris, Julia and Sophia Penny, for bringing light in our community that was so desperately needed during a time of stress and uncertainty.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHILIP CHRISTOPHER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Philip Christopher as he is honored with the Hermes Award at the 30th Hermes Expo Awards Dinner on October 20, 2021. Mr. Christopher's contributions to the Hellenic business community are truly deserving of this award and this body's recognition.

Mr. Christopher embodies the American Dream and exemplifies the mission of Hermes Expo International. Born in Cyprus, Mr. Christopher immigrated with his family to the United States as a young boy. Today, Mr. Christopher is a successful businessman, esteemed community leader and passionate philanthropist. In addition to his professional work to strengthen the business connections between the U.S. and foreign companies, Mr. Christopher is a tireless advocate of justice for Cyprus and his efforts to support the Greek Cypriot community here and abroad are immeasurable.

Founder, President and CEO of American Network Solutions LLC, Philip Christopher is a

prominent leader in the business community with more than 30 years of experience in the industry, including leadership roles with Audiovox Communications Corp., UTStarcom Personal Communications and Personal Communications Devices. Mr. Christopher also lends his professional expertise to various industry organizations and has served on numerous boards and foundations, including the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens Board of Directors and the White House Economic Council.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Philip Christopher on receiving the prestigious Hermes Award and thanking him for his continuous advocacy on behalf of Cyprus and U.S.—Greek relations.

HONORING PASTOR LOCK P. BEACHUM, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and pay tribute to the memory of the late Pastor Lock P. Beachum, Jr. In challenging times such as these, we are reminded of the hope that so many like Pastor Lock give to their communities. Even in his passing, his devotion leaves behind a legacy that continues to do good onto the people he positively impacted in life.

Pastor Lock was born July 14, 1971, in Youngstown, to parents Lock Sr. and Janice Beachum. He was educated within the Youngstown School System during his elementary and middle school years. He was a proud 1989 graduate of Ursuline High School, where he was a standout football player. His talent on the field afforded him the opportunity to play on a football scholarship for Miami (Ohio) University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1992. Although he envisioned his life traveling down a different path that included a professional football career in the National Football League, it is evident God had another plan for his life.

Lock was the Campus Pastor of Victory Christian Center, Liberty Campus, a significant and strategic multicultural and multi-generational ministry impacting culture locally and globally. His consistent lifestyle, his uncompromising convictions and his clear vision exemplified one who sought to bridge the gaps of age, ethnicity, and gender.

A deep compassion for people from all walks of life was exemplified in his ministry. Lock's transparency, tenacious spirit, love, sense of humor, winning smile, and most of all, his spirit of humility and being a visionary were all an inspiration to those who wanted to know and live for God. Known for his character and integrity, he was a trailblazer and trendsetter who focused on relevance and innovation. Lock was the founder of "operation Impact" which consisted of services to the community—such as free giveaways, groceries, clothing and free lunches at the Phar Mor Building. During the holiday season, clothing, gifts and toys were donated to the community, as well as 150 families being blessed at Thanksgiving with complete groceries for the family dinner.

On June 1, 2008, he answered “the call” from his Spiritual Father and his Pastor, the former Bishop of Victory Christian Center, Inc., David L. Thomas, which changed his life forever. By saying “Yes” to the call, thousands of lives have been positively impacted by his ministry. During his tenure at Victory Christian Center, he served as an Elder, Campus Pastor, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Operations and served on the Board of Director of Legacy A Global Kingdom Alliance.

Lock wanted to leave a legacy that would extend beyond his lifetime. “He fought the fight, finished the race and most of all remained faithful to his calling. Well done thy good and faithful servant.” Pastor Lock’s hard work and devotion will continue to reverberate throughout our community, and his memory will live on forever.

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HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND WOMAN JOHN AND CHLOE ANN O’NEIL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of New York State Assemblyman and Assemblywoman John and Chloe Ann O’Neil on the occasion of their memorial dedication service.

Prior to Mr. O’Neil’s time in the Assembly, he dedicated his life to teaching students at various universities throughout upstate New

York, such as Canton College of Technology. He spent over twenty years working with the United University Professions to ensure professors all over New York were well represented. Mrs. O’Neil spent her life dedicated to serving others through volunteer work at Canton-Potsdam Hospital and decades of teaching at the Parishville-Hopkins Central School. John and Chloe Ann were married in April of 1966 at Sacred Heart Church in Cicero, New York and the loving couple had two children.

John and Chloe Ann O’Neil were both dedicated New York State assembly members. John was elected to the Assembly in 1980, representing the St. Lawrence County area. He served six terms, working up until his passing in 1992. Chloe Ann worked closely with John while he was in office and was subsequently elected to John’s seat in a special election, serving from 1993 to 1998. Both John and Chloe Ann O’Neil were enthusiastic advocates for helping others and improving the quality of life for New York State residents.

John O’Neil tragically died in a car accident in 1992 and Chloe Ann O’Neil passed away in a two-car collision in 2018. The O’Neils were true assets to the North Country and every New York State citizen has benefited from the immense civic commitment of this legendary couple. I am proud to honor the lives of John and Chloe Ann O’Neil on behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RED STEAGALL COWBOY HERITAGE AND RANCH RODEO 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering. Established three decades ago, this multi-faceted event started at the Cowtown Coliseum in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. Named after famed American Western musician and poet Russell “Red” Steagall, this three-day gathering brings together more than 30,000 people each year from across the globe. The first gathering began as a celebration of cowboy poetry, which grew from the tradition of cowboys telling stories over campfires.

The Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering that exists today still honors the roots of cowboy poetry, but it has evolved into a much larger celebration of music, poetry, and more. To kick off the gathering, one of the last authentic wagon trains is formed by participants throughout the state, travelling to various ranches across Texas until they arrive at the Fort Worth Stockyards to kick-off the festivities. The Western Swing Festival & Dance features musical performances each night of the event by artists such as Bobby Flores, Jake Hooker, and Red Steagall himself.

Rodeo is also a major part of the heart and soul of this gathering, with multiple events featuring competing ranches that battle for bragging rights and the opportunity to showcase the skill and grit of the cowboys who work this lifestyle every day. One of the greatest accom-

plishments of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, however, is the scholarships provided to students interested in Western culinary arts, poetry, and swing music. To date, the gathering has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships, with over \$250,000 coming from the Youth Poetry Contest alone, to those students who are looking to keep these traditions alive for generations to come.

Our community owes a great deal to Red Steagall for hosting this gathering and helping shape the world-renowned event that it has become today. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, and the executive producers, Mr. Red Steagall himself, Mr. Steve Murrin, Mr. Hub Baker and Mr. Jim Calhoun, Jr., along with the countless others who make this time-honored event possible, and all that this tremendous family event does to bring together Fort Worth and the entire state of Texas each year to share our mutual passion.

HONORING SARAH YOUNG GLACKIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sarah Young Glackin on her long and distinguished career as a staff member on the House Appropriations Committee as she prepares to leave us for new endeavors.

Myself and my fellow colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—have relied extensively on Sarah’s expertise in many appropriations matters, most notably in the areas of defense and military construction.

Sarah’s career began on the Subcommittee on Defense, with a portfolio that included Tricare and Defense Health Programs.

Four years later, she moved to the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and then Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. She soon returned to Defense, where she worked on Counterdrug and Narcotics, Missile Defense, Defense Health Programs, Military Medical Research, and TRICARE. For the last decade, Sarah has served on the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

She was responsible for military construction across all components and services, the improvement of housing for our servicemembers and their families, and the NATO security investment program.

Oftentimes congressional staffers are not appropriately recognized for their service. However, they are the Americans from all over our Nation that represent the fabric of our country. Sarah has served in more ways than one.

Madam Speaker, Sarah has been an institution on the Appropriations Committee since the moment I arrived there. My colleagues and myself will miss her dedication, her patience, and her deep reservoir of knowledge. I want to wish Sarah all the best as she pursues new adventures.

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HONORING RON JACKSON FOR RECEIVING THE FRANCISCA IRWIN
AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Jackson for receiving the Francisca Irwin Award for Community Service from the Essex Community Fund.

For decades, Ron Jackson has selflessly served the North Country. Mr. Jackson has lived in Essex all his life, joining the local fire company at 16 before studying engineering at SUNY-Maritime and serving with the Merchant Marines. As town Supervisor for 10 years, Mr. Jackson worked to upgrade the community sewer and water systems and helped gather funds for Beggs Park. A pillar of the local EMS and fire units, he helped to both design and build the fire house. Following the events of 9/11, he even led an ambulance crew to New York City to offer assistance. Mr. Jackson remains a devoted community leader today and currently serves on the town board.

The Francisca Irwin Award for Community Service is named for "Frisky" Paine Irwin, who was a devoted advocate for the Adirondack community. Based on Mr. Jackson's decades of tireless service, he is undoubtedly deserving of this recognition. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Mr. Jackson for his service to the North Country and congratulate him on receiving this award.

HONORING WWII VET NORVAN D.
MCCLURE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Norvan D. McClure of Fort Wayne. Our Nation owes Norvan a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in an Engineer Combat Battalion in the Europe, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland, of Europe and to the security and prosperity of millions.

Most notably, Norvan's service earned him the French Legion of Honour award, the highest distinction awarded by France. Established by Napoleon in 1804, the Legion of Honour known as Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur, is awarded only to the most exceptional of soldiers served in defense of the French Republic. As a combat engineer, Norvan was charged with most perilous tasks of any soldier during the war: removing mines and booby traps left behind by a retreating fanatical Wehrmacht. But for Norvan and his heroic actions, many more America have been killed and the Allied advance across Western Europe would have been even more difficult and deadly than it was.

Norvan's unit continued into Germany, and then Austria, where it remained involved in combat operations until the end of the war in Europe in May 1945. Norvan returned to Indiana, raised five children with his wife, Maryann, and became a Locomotive Engineer, a job he had for 44 years. I'm proud to honor him. On behalf of Congress, let me say: We hope Norvan's heart is filled with joy knowing he has experienced our country's blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful Nation, over a long and well-lived life.

May God Bless Norvan, and may God Bless the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 98TH
TURKISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan on the celebration of the 98th Turkish Independence Day on October 29, 2021. The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan has been a positive force in our community and this celebration is worthy of commendation.

The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan have been a strong voice for the Turkish people here in Michigan and their efforts play a role in cultivating a meaningful relationship between Turkey and the United States. The group serves as a bridge that unifies our communities to promote, plan, and execute programs that improve humanitarian and cultural welfare of the Turkish community in Michigan and abroad. Their leadership and the sharing of their unique tradition and culture has made a difference here at home and in communities across the nation.

As we celebrate the 98th Turkish Independence Day, I am proud to recognize the many Americans of Turkish descent who have made significant contributions to our state, especially those notable Turkish-Americans who reside in Michigan's 12th Congressional District who tirelessly work towards innovation in the fields of academia, the arts, and technology. Turkish-Americans enrich our communities through sharing their culture and continue to demonstrate a steadfast commitment to making Michigan a more inclusive, vibrant, and prosperous place for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 98th Turkish Independence Day. We thank the Turkish-American Cultural Association and their President, Dr. Mehmet Erdem Yaya, for their commitment to the betterment of our state of Michigan and look forward to celebrating this special anniversary for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING ILLINI BLUFFS
HIGH SCHOOL'S SOFTBALL TEAM
FOR WINNING IHSA CLASS 1A
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School softball team for winning the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State championship.

The team won the state title in softball, completing a perfect 29-0 season. The Tigers fell behind 3-1, but rallied in the fifth inning. Triples from Zoe Eeten and Addie Welsh as well as timely base knocks from Ashley Aksun, Emma Hicks and Annabelle Fortin allowed the Tigers to score five unanswered runs and pick up a 6-3 win over Orangeville. As a former athlete, I commend the determination and drive of these young women. They are a bright example of the importance of team dedication and strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent their community so well throughout the state and the country with their dedication and passion.

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HONORING KARA MAGGY FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED
LEADER OF TOMORROW AWARD
FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kara Maggy for receiving the Distinguished Leader of Tomorrow Award from the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Kara Maggy has been a Girl Scout for 11 years in addition to her participation in 4-H.

She works as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Meadowbrook Nursing Home, where she treats each resident with respect and the highest quality of care. Going above and beyond what is required of her to help others, she has twice provided potentially life-saving assistance at accidents outside of her job. As proof of her dedication to serving her community, she received the Presidential Award at her CV-TEC graduation. This young woman serves as a great example to the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Ms. Maggy truly embodies the spirit of helping her neighbor, which is present throughout the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Ms. Maggy for her commitment to her community and congratulate her for this well-deserved recognition.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN HALE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable career and astute leadership of my dear friend, Jean Hale of Pikeville, Kentucky, who plans to retire after dedicating 52 years in the banking industry in Central Appalachia, serving as Chairwoman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Community Trust Bancorp for the last 23 years.

Jean Hale joined Community Trust in 1969 and progressed through the officer ranks, working twice as hard to make her mark in a male-dominated industry. In 1992, she was named President and CEO of Community Trust Bank and seven years later, became president and CEO of Community Trust Bancorp. In 2005, Chairwoman was added to her growing list of leadership roles. During her tenure, the company's total assets increased 152 percent from \$2.2 billion on December 31, 1999, to \$5.5 billion on June 30, 2021, with banking locations in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

She credits her stellar work ethic to her parents. Her father was a coal mining electrician, and she refers to her mother as a "home-making engineer" for making their clothes, raising their garden and canning goods. Together, they put Jean and her three siblings through college with no debt, moving from Grapevine to Pikeville so they could live at home and go to college, saving money on room and board. Jean has carried the same financial wisdom and skills throughout her career, even making her own suits when she first started working for Community Trust.

Over the year, her counsel and expertise have been highly sought after among financial sector experts, leading her to become Chairwoman of the Board of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority and a member of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board, the Commonwealth Seed Capital, LLC Board, the University of Pikeville Board of Trustees, the ARH Foundation Board, and the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

In addition to her work in the banking industry, I am personally grateful for Jean's commit-

ment to SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region—a non-profit organization that she helped launch to revitalize rural communities in Kentucky's Appalachian region as a result of the downturn of the coal industry. Jean was one of the first leaders that I personally asked to help establish SOAR. The initiative that started in 2013 is now a comprehensive regional movement that is effectively shaping a brighter future for the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. Since day one, she has served on the SOAR Executive Committee and as Chair of the Development Committee and Finance Committee. Thanks to her leadership, SOAR is a thriving, self-sustaining grassroots organization that is empowering economic development and growth where we need it the most.

The characteristic that sets Jean apart is her passion. She deeply loves Eastern Kentucky and watching our region thrive despite our challenges. I count it a great honor to celebrate my friend, Jean Hale and the countless accomplishments that she has made on behalf of so many Central Appalachian families and businesses. May her retirement be blessed by many wonderful years with her family and beloved grandchildren.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GERDA M. FITTS (KRUEGER)

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the steadfast service of one of Missouri's World War II U.S. Cadet Nurses, Gerda Fitts (Krueger).

Born in 1924, Gerda grew up during the Great Depression, where she helped on the family farm, read the Bible and helped with the chores around her family home. Gerda graduated high school while America was engaged in World War II. Her father had served in World War I and seeing her brothers' commitment to fight for their country in World War II, encouraged a patriotic earning within her soul. Thus, determined to do her part, Gerda enlisted in the United States Nursing Corps in 1943. This was when God first called her to serve others, and the time spent doing His work set her on a path she has been following ever since. After getting out of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, Gerda started working for the Wentworth Military Academy as the social director. She taught etiquette class to the young boys who attended Wentworth Military Academy. It was during this time that she met her now-husband, James 'Jim' Fitts, an Air Force veteran who had just retired after serving a dedicated 34 years. Gerda and Jim both retired from Wentworth Military Academy, Gerda as the social director and Jim as the Academy Commandant. After their retirement, they moved to Hermitage, Missouri, where they have both continued serving their community.

Gerda Fitts has been alive nearly a century. During this time, she has seen the world advance in ways she could have never dreamed. She had to live through the horrors of the Great Depression, a World War, and a Cold War. She has witnessed 17 Presidential administrations and has watched as America had its ups and downs. Through it all, she remains

the same humble, sweet, caring woman who never forgets to check on her friends, and who truly loves her community and country.

Although the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps is not recognized as a formal branch of service, it is important that women like Gerda are recognized for their service to our country during World War II. Please join me in honoring Gerda Fitts for her steadfast service to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING BLACK HAWK COLLEGE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Black Hawk College for its 75th Anniversary. Black Hawk College has long been an excellent college in our district.

Black Hawk College started off as Moline Community College in 1946, and was located at Moline High School. The College accommodated World War II veterans seeking higher education and offered transfer, career, and adult education classes. In 1961 it became Black Hawk College, which was the first county-wide junior college in Illinois. Black Hawk College expanded as neighboring school districts petitioned to join its district. In 1965, with the passage of "The Illinois Public Junior College Act," Black Hawk College became part of the state's system of higher education, committed to offering traditional liberal arts courses, occupational courses, and adult education courses at its campus in Moline. I commend Black Hawk College for all it has done for students and community colleges in our district.

It is because of community leaders such as Black Hawk College that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize and congratulate Black Hawk College for its 75th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 132

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor American Legion Post 132 of Orange, California, an inspiring organization dedicated to supporting veterans, national security, Americanism, and our community and its young people.

For more than ten decades, American Legion Post 132 has helped veterans adjust to life after service. It has served as a second home for some, helped others find jobs, and offered many the chance to forge lifelong friendships.

Post 132 was organized in 1919, the same year the American Legion was chartered by Congress as a patriotic veterans organization. Post 132 then received its temporary charter December 17, 1919 and its official charter October 1, 1920, making it one of the earliest

American Legion posts in California and the second oldest in Orange County.

The newly formed Post 132 met for nearly a decade in the Orange City Hall basement until the Legion Hall was dedicated June 3, 1928. For several years, the Legion shared the facility with the Orange Armory of the National Guard, which used the basement for firing practice. The basement now houses a unique Military Museum that displays items from the American Civil War to present day.

Not only is Post 132 one of the oldest American Legion posts in the country, it is one of the most active. Post 132 Legionnaires keep a full calendar of fundraising events for veteran causes, programs for holidays like Flag Day and Veterans Day, and outreach activities to local schools and community groups to talk about the importance of honoring those who fought for our country.

In support of developing future leaders, Post 132 sends high school students to the annual Boys State and Girls State summer leadership and citizenship program. In addition, Post 132 sponsors local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops.

Post 132 is a combination of four "families" that includes its veteran Legionnaires, an Auxiliary Unit that is part of the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world, a Sons of the American Legion unit made up of descendants of parents or grandparents who served in the military, and a Riders Chapter, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who participate in parades and other events that raise funds and foster camaraderie.

The American Legion Post 132 family has, in all aspects, provided extensive service to our veterans and has fostered patriotism and good citizenship, especially for our youth.

More than 500 veterans from throughout Orange County belong to Post 132. Throughout its long history, its members past and present have fought in every war and major military conflict since World War I.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the more than 100 years of outstanding service to our community by American Legion Post 132, and the service of the hundreds of veterans who are members of this patriotic organization.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, founded in the late 1960s, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated was established in order to answer the call of service for members of the community. Many minority residents of Miami-Dade County lacked access to health care due to the existing segregation of medical care in the South. Other migrant farmworkers were uninsured, preventing them from obtaining preventative or ambulatory care. Doris Ison recognized the need to provide care for all, regardless of race or economic status, having been a farmworker herself who immigrated from the Bahamas. Inspired by the American dream, Mrs. Ison was a catalyst for action and inspired local leaders, organiza-

tions, and members from her church to establish Community Health of South Dade, Incorporated in April of 1971.

Beginning as two trailers off U.S. Highway 1, today, the mission has expanded to 11 health centers. Additionally, 35 school-based centers were established in order to serve the needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County's underprivileged children. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated offers services ranging from Primary Care, Urgent Care, Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, Radiology, Dental, Vision, and many others. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated again answered the call for service during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing testing and telehealth medical services. True to Mrs. Ison's vision, CHI provides care for the uninsured and low income in Miami-Dade County, as well as the insured.

In 2016, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated received the Governor's Sterling Award. They are designated as the second federally qualified health center in the nation to be a behavioral health medical home, are certified as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, and are accredited by the Joint Commission. To carry on the legacy of Mrs. Ison, the Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center helps to train the next generation of medical professionals.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating their 50th anniversary. As Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated celebrates this milestone, I am grateful for all this organization has done to serve the needs of South Florida.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE OF CHARLES SMITH

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Charles Smith on the occasion of his passing.

Mr. Charles Smith was born in Keene, New York in 1924 to Samuel and Elsie Smith. In 1943, he was drafted to fight in World War II and joined the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. Mr. Smith had grown up skiing during intense winters in Upstate New York and decided to enlist as a ski trooper, soldiers specifically trained for mountainous warfare. His unit was sent to Italy where they fought in the Apennine Mountains and the Po Valley, at one point fighting for 20 continuous days and crossing 120 miles. Facing snipers, mines, and machine guns, his unit experienced the highest casualty count for their size and period in combat with 992 deaths and 4,000 wounded.

While bravely defending his country, Mr. Smith was injured by enemy shrapnel but courageously continued to fight alongside his unit. Mr. Smith was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his heroic service to his country.

After the war, Mr. Smith married his wife, Roberta Louisa Manley, and had three children. He became a carpenter and worked on building Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Always dedicated to his community, he was also a

proud volunteer at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital for over a decade.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Charles Smith, and his brave and selfless service to his country. It is my hope that his fearless spirit and bravery will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

CONGRATULATING THE MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BASS FISHING STATE COMPETITION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bennett Glessner, Dustin Goderis, and Elijah Medina of the Moline High School Bass Fishing Team on winning the Illinois High School Association's State Bass Fishing Competition. This is their second time achieving this honor.

The team won the state title with a fish that was 20 pounds, 3 ounces. As a former student athlete, I admire the Moline High School Bass Fishing team's patience and determination. I am proud that this team represents Moline so well throughout the state.

It is because of the hard-working student leaders such as those on the Moline High School Bass fishing team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Moline High School Bass fishing team for their state title win.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BELTA TORRE SGAMBELLURI PEREZ

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Belta Torre Sgambelluri Perez. Belta was a leader whose commitment to service and devotion to community has and continues to inspire generations throughout our island. We will fondly remember her as an innovative entrepreneur and tireless advocate that has helped shape the history and future of Guam.

Widely known for her pioneering efforts in cultivating a new industry for the island, Belta is an icon of pageantry and performing arts. Following her reign as Guam's 1961 Liberation Queen, she earned her associate's degree in Education and Theater and bachelor's degree in Education and Communication from the University of Guam and San Jose State University respectively. She then utilized her extensive training and background in the arts to establish the first John Robert Powers School in Guam and the Philippines. Providing formal training and mentorship to thousands of students for over 50 years, Belta developed an institution that admirably encourages our youth to pursue their dreams, foster their talents,

and use their skills to leave a positive impact on society.

In addition to her passion for connecting the People of Guam with greater opportunities, her personal mission to give back to others poured out into numerous other parts of community life. Over the years, Belta served as an Administrator for the Guam Department of Education, Instructor at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Marketing and Advertising Director at Foremost McKesson Guam, Writer at the Pacific Daily News, Columnist and Editor at the Guam Tribune, Producer and Host of Woman's World at KUAM TV/Radio, Afternoon Show Host at KGTF, and Director for the Miss Hemisphere USA Pacific/Asia Area. As a devout Catholic Daughter, she also dedicated invaluable time as both an active supporter of Catholic Social Services and the Alee Women and Children's Shelter and mentor for the High School Continuation Program.

With countless achievements that extend from being listed among the 1971 and 1976 Outstanding Young Women of America, inducted into the Modeling Association of America International Hall of Fame, and featured in Pageantry Magazine, to being granted a Guam Visitors Bureau Lifetime Achievement Award and recognized as the 1985 Guam Business Woman of the Year, 2018 and 2019 National iPop School Director of the Year, and Guam Business Magazine's 2019 Lifetime Business Woman, it is clear that Belta uniquely invested in and touched the lives of many through her work.

Belta Torre Sgambelluri Perez was a woman of faith and an example of generosity who continues to inspire generations of mentors and leaders. I extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of selfless service, empowerment, and holistic community growth. Belta will be deeply missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

RECOGNIZING GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S 150TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grace Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 150th year of service to the community of Mount Clemens, Michigan.

In 1849, Michigan's first Episcopal Bishop, the Right Reverend Samuel McCoskry, ordained Reverend Edward Magee in Mount Clemens. At the time, in the absence of a permanent house of worship, a small group of Episcopalians began meeting for services in the Macomb County Courthouse. In 1867, the early congregation obtained land for a church building, which was completed in 1871.

Since 1895, the parish has honorably served the Mount Clemens community with outreach programs. Today, Grace Episcopal maintains a Women's Prison Ministry, Sunday Soup Kitchen, and Wednesday Community Supper. The church also offers shelter to residents in need through partnerships with the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter

Team and the Macomb County Warming Center.

Grace Episcopal Church exemplifies "Beloved Community" by welcoming and assisting people of all backgrounds. The church website proudly states: "Among us are folks of great heart including the walking wounded of every sort: those suffering addiction and homelessness, restless children, honored elders, surly teens, seekers, gays and lesbians, good Christians, hopeless sinners, dyed-in-the-wool traditionalists, & more."

I am proud to have the honor of recognizing Grace Episcopal Church today and to mark this sesquicentennial event for the congregation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire Grace Episcopal community as they celebrate one-hundred-and-fifty years of ministry and service in Mount Clemens.

CONGRATULATING JOE LUNA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Joe Luna, who is retiring from the Galesburg Police Department after 26 years of service.

Since becoming an officer over two decades ago, Officer Luna has been an honorable steward of the city of Galesburg and a dedicated public servant. As a detective, he investigated cases leading to criminal prosecution, and as Galesburg School District 205's School Resource Officer, he was an invaluable member of the community. Anyone who has walked the halls of Galesburg High School understands the impact Officer Luna had on students of all backgrounds. During his tenure, he kept our children safe, listened to their stories, offered advice, and was an ever-friendly face to every student without reservation.

It is because of determined and compassionate leaders such as Officer Luna that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Officer Joe Luna on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his 26 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MICHAEL RUDD

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sergeant Michael Rudd. Immediately following his 2002 high school graduation, Sgt. Rudd served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force before going on to join the U.S. Army National Guard. After his military service came to an end, Sgt. Rudd continued to serve his country and community. He then became a law enforcement officer for LaPaz County, where he would re-

main in service to his community until his passing. Sgt. Rudd worked tirelessly for the people of LaPaz County, hoping to soon become a Lieutenant within the sheriff's office. His entire life was spent in service to the people of his community, state, and country.

Madam Speaker, I wish to offer my deepest condolences to Sgt. Rudd's entire family. He is survived by his wife Amanda and their 6 wonderful children. His contributions and public service will never be forgotten by the state of Arizona or the people of LaPaz County.

HONORING JACQUELINE PRATHER FOR RECEIVING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacqueline Prather for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Jacqueline Prather is the dedicated Child Care Director of the Plattsburgh YMCA Bright Beginnings. She embodies everything the YMCA stands for and always does her job with respect and care. In addition to her work at the YMCA, she is a military wife who has supported numerous community projects at every location her husband has been stationed. Her impact over the past 25 years has been exceptionally far-reaching. She has worked to ensure over 2,000 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers have a loving place to prepare for kindergarten.

Ms. Prather truly embodies the spirit of care present throughout the North Country. She is a wonderful role model for girls throughout the region. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Ms. Prather for her commitment to young people and her community, and congratulate her for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. DANIEL JOSEPH BENISHEK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Daniel Joseph Benishek, who passed away recently after a lifetime of service to the First District and the state of Michigan. Through his dedication to his patients and constituents, Dan changed the lives of countless Michiganders and became an indispensable part of his community.

A native Yooper, Dan was born in Iron River, Michigan, on April 20, 1952, and he spent his childhood in the western Upper Peninsula until his graduation from West Iron County High School in 1970. With an inherent drive to serve others, Dan furthered his education at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Medicine. After completing medical school, he returned

to the U.P. and went on to positively impact many Veterans' lives during his two decades of service at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center.

After years of work on behalf of Yooper Veterans, Dan was driven to become an advocate on behalf of all Michiganders when he ran for Congress in 2010. As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, he continued his steadfast support of Veterans in his district while also working to pass legislation to protect our state's most valuable landmarks as a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources—most notably the nationally-recognized Sleeping Bear Dunes. I have been and continue to be greatly inspired by Dan's selfless work and dedication to our Veterans as well as his fellow Yoopers. He served the First District of Michigan for three terms from 2011 to 2017, leaving a lasting mark in Washington, D.C.

Dan's passing is a significant loss to the Upper Peninsula, but Michigan and the United States have benefited immensely from his lifetime of public service. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his memory will undoubtedly live on for generations to come. Dan's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of so many Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Daniel Joseph Benishek. I was honored to call Dan a friend, and it is an honor to uphold his legacy in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS L. THOMAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Travis L. Thomas who became an angel on September 21, 2021. As we reflect on his extraordinary life, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Travis dedicated his life to defending our country, keeping the streets safe, and improving his community. After fighting in the Korean War, Travis returned home and continued his life of service with the Department of Public Safety, serving in the Burnet police force before finishing his career as the police chief of both Georgetown and Luling. His devotion to law and order resulted in safer communities that residents are proud to call home.

Travis was a stellar and committed volunteer following his retirement in 1998, contributing his considerable talents and energies to a broad array of causes. Travis will be especially remembered for how much he loved the City of Burnet where he was involved in a multitude of civic organizations that allowed him to use his abilities to make Burnet the pride of Central Texas.

While I join Travis Thomas's family and friends in mourning his passing, the positive impacts he had on the lives of others will remain in our hearts forever. His presence was a blessing for all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING J.D. GROM

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.D. Grom, the Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, who recently left us to serve his country in a new capacity at the Department of Commerce.

As Democrats, we all have fight in us. That's never been the hard part. We look at the world around us, see that things can be better, and know that smart people, working hard together can create a better future. But how do we best focus our efforts? It can seem easier, at times, to amplify our differences, drawing battle lines and characterizing our political opponents as existential threats. But that approach is rarely, if ever, in the best service of the nation.

The more constructive path—one that I truly believe will lead to a more equitable, sustainable, and better future—requires not only a deep understanding of the policy challenges we face but the willingness to make progress where we can with allies we recruit and convince along the way.

J.D. Grom spent his time as the Executive Director of the New Democrats committed to this important mission. He never allowed partisan politics to come before the essential work of helping the American people. Staying focused on this responsibility, while managing a large and diverse caucus of big personalities, is no easy task. But it is one that J.D. carried out with the utmost competence, humor, and success, all while being a caring and present husband to Stacy and father to Jack and Emma.

I wish him great professional success in the future, at Commerce and beyond. As he moves into this new phase, he should take pride in the fact that he has left the New Democrat Coalition in a stronger position than he found it, and has set an inspiring example of leadership for his successors.

CONGRATULATING ANNIE WIRTH AND HER RELAY TEAM FOR WINNING THE IHSA STATE TITLE IN TRACK

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Annie Wirth and her relay team for winning the Illinois High School Association State Title.

Addison Pischke ran a strong first leg and passed the baton to Alison Bowers. Bowers handed the baton to third leg Annie Wirth, and the Leafs were in the lead. Wirth increased the lead slightly and when the baton came to Ali Rapps, she increased the lead and finished in 1:42.55, nearly two seconds ahead of the rest of the field. The team captured a state title in the relay and shattered the previous school record of 1:43.85. As a former athlete, I commend the determination and drive of these young women. They are a bright example of the importance of team dedication and

strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent their community so well throughout the state and the country with their dedication and passion.

It is because of student leaders like them that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Annie Wirth and the relay team for their accomplishment.

HONORING ELLEN BOUCHARD FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellen Bouchard for receiving the Distinguished Personal Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Ellen Bouchard is a prime example of someone deeply devoted to serving her community. In addition to working as a Business Development Officer at Dannemora Federal Credit Union, she is a dedicated member of her local Rotary Club. She has served as a board member, the chair of the Roducky Derby, and the President of the Plattsburgh Noon Rotary Club. As a further marker of her selfless dedication, she has received numerous awards including the Rotary Paul Harris Award, Rotarian of the Year, and the Rotary President Award. Going above and beyond for her community, she has also served on the board of the Senior Citizens Council, Lake City Referals, Go Red for Women, PBS, and Business and Professional Women. Ellen Bouchard is an outstanding role model for Girl Scouts throughout Northeast New York.

Ms. Bouchard truly embodies the spirit of service present throughout the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Ms. Bouchard for her commitment to her community and congratulate her for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING MRS. BETTE HORSTMAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Bette Horstman and wish her a very happy 100th birthday on December 6, 2021. Mrs. Horstman is a distinguished resident of Morton Grove, Illinois and a constituent of mine. She was an honorable 1st Lieutenant who served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Physical Therapist during World War II.

Bette Horstman was born on December 6, 1921 in Hibbing, Minnesota and grew up in Chicago, Illinois with her younger sister and parents. Mrs. Horstman graduated from the University of Michigan in 1943 and was accepted into the Mayo Clinic's Physical Therapy (PT) program.

Students in the program were visited by a U.S. Army recruiter who told them about their country's need for their skills and service and she enlisted in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1944. Upon completing her training, she was sent on her first assignment at Tripler General Hospital in Oahu, Hawaii, and later 3,700 miles west to Saipan, where her professional skills helped heal many soldiers during the war. She was discharged in 1946 and was honored for her service with a Meritorious Service Unit Citation with one Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

In her post-service life, Mrs. Horstman helped establish the PT departments at three Chicago area hospitals. She was the first female in the state of Illinois to open up her own PT practice. She continued her education and received both a Master's in Education and a nursing home administrator's license. She was also a long-time member of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Mrs. Horstman volunteers and gives back to the community to this day. She has worked with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and at the North Chicago VA as a post commander, where she has volunteered for nearly two decades. Before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, she volunteered for the bedside care program "No Veteran Dies Alone."

Mrs. Horstman's lifelong commitment to giving back to the community, her service to her country, her groundbreaking career, and her work healing people across the Chicagoland area are truly remarkable. I appreciate Mrs. Horstman's service to the Chicago community and the country, and I wish her a very happy 100th birthday.

WALTER SCOTT

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, lifelong Nebraskan, CEO of Kiewit Construction, cofounder of Level 3 Communications, board member of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, the late Walter Scott, Jr., 90, was one of America's leading builders and entrepreneurs. He will be best remembered, however, for his generous and wise philanthropy. Raised during the Great Depression, grandson of an immigrant carpenter from Dundee, Scotland, Walter learned early on the importance of education and of institutions that make it possible for a person to be educated. His philosophy was to enable others to achieve their own personal success.

As friend Warren Buffett said, "Walter's philanthropy is legendary, even though he doesn't publicize it." He left an indelible mark on Omaha and Nebraska: a new veterans' care center, best-in-class exhibits at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, and the Scott Campus at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His contributions to Colorado State University and the University of Nebraska ensure that future generations of students at those institutions will go on to make their own marks as well.

Walter's vision and passion extended to service on the international stage. He was past Chair of the Open World Leadership Cen-

ter—now the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL)—and a member of the Library of Congress Madison Circle. In both capacities, he was close friend to long-serving Librarian of Congress Dr. James H. Billington. Following Billington's passing in 2018, Walter provided long-term funding for the Billington Initiative at the Wilson Center's Kennan Institute to continue Billington's legacy of scholarship on Russian history and culture.

Walter Scott had this advice to young people: "The greatest thing you can do in life is to be a giver because the world already has plenty of takers." May he rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF POST 696 ON
THE 75TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with honor that I rise to recognize the American Legion Gung Ho Post 696 as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary. As the members of Post 696 celebrate this milestone, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring them for always providing exceptional services to WWII veterans and advocating for all veterans in the Sacramento Region.

American Legion Gung Ho Post 696 was formed on April 11, 1946 by returning Chinese-American veterans who were unable to join existing posts due to the prevailing prejudices of the time. The Gung Ho name honors the Chinese phrase Gong he, which means "working together." Despite having to form a segregated post, Post 696 wanted to honor these words and honor those who have died in service of the United States. The commonality of their Chinese heritage created a lasting legacy and a sense of brotherhood promoting compassion and charity for all in Sacramento.

For seventy-five years, from the start of Commander Tim Jang to its succeeding and current commanders, Post 696 dedicated itself to promoting the mission, vision, and values of the American Legion in the Sacramento Region. Their long tradition of advocating on behalf of all veterans and providing services to many individuals has been significant and continues today.

Gung Ho Post 696 members are leaders in our Sacramento community and have advocated for legislation and resources to benefit all veterans. They participate and represent Asian Americans by participating in the annual Memorial Day service and march in nearly every Veterans Day parade in Downtown Sacramento. Today, Post 696 welcomes all veterans to join and strive to promote goodwill in Sacramento.

Madam Speaker, as the members of the Post 696 celebrate their 75th anniversary, I ask all colleagues to join me in honoring them for their service to our country and to the Sacramento area.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRAJI DURING
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the many devout followers of Jainism in honoring in the month of October the life of the remarkable Jain poet, scholar, religious leader, and philosopher Shrimad Rajchandraji, and to acknowledge his many writings, in particular his poetic spiritual masterpiece, *Atmasiddhi Shastra*.

Born in 1867 in the Indian port city of Vavania, Rajchandraji was drawn to a religious life from an early age. His spiritual odyssey led him to Jainism and its core belief of ahimsa or non-violence (the ethical principal of not causing harm to other living beings). Shrimad Rajchandraji scaled great spiritual heights and demystified the path to self-discovery in an effortless manner relevant to the contemporary social environment. Even in a short life of 34 years, Rajchandraji gave the world a rich heritage that continues to guide generations of seekers. His life and works have been compiled and published in a volume titled *Shrimad Rajchandra*, the contents of which are an inspiration to turn within and discover life's eternal truths.

In his early spiritual and philosophical writings Rajchandraji wrote about the importance of women's education and the practices that cultivate the essential mindset of non-attachment, and authored many commentaries on spirituality and Jain religious beliefs. Shrimad Rajchandraji was a visionary who laid the foundations of Jain spirituality for a new era. He composed *Atmasiddhi Shastra* in the late 19th century to present the six spiritual truths and the path to self-realisation. The poem is revered by many seekers as a masterpiece of spiritual enlightenment and guidance.

In 1891, Rajchandraji was introduced to a young Indian lawyer named Mohandas Gandhi. This encounter led to a long friendship and mentorship between Rajchandraji and the future father of modern India. In his autobiography, Gandhi paid homage to his spiritual mentor by noting that "[i]n my moments of spiritual crisis, Shrimadji was my refuge."

Madam Speaker, I also take this opportunity to commend Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji, spiritual visionary and global humanitarian leader, who has devoted his life to sharing the wisdom of Shrimad Rajchandraji through the work of the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur. Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshji's impact in fostering peace and serving society, aligned with Rajchandraji's philosophy, has been recognised by various prestigious forums and contemporary spiritual leaders globally.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Shrimad Rajchandraji's teachings on the importance of nonviolence, truth, and peace, which are as relevant today as they were to Mahatma Gandhi over a century ago, and the guidance and comfort provided to his devotees by the epic masterpiece, *Atmasiddhi Shastra*.

“ROGER THAT, HE WAS BORN TO RUN” IN MEMORY OF ROGER NORMAN TUCK ‘22

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of All American Lacrosse Player from The University of Maryland's National Championship teams Mid-fielder, Roger Tuck, who passed away recently. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by fellow teammate Albert “Bert” Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

ROGER THAT, HE WAS BORN TO RUN
(By Albert “Bert” Carey Caswell)

“be a simple kind of man,
oh be someone you love and understand”
Lynyrd Skynyrd
A gentle giant, Roger Tuck was “Born To Run” . . . Bruce Springsteen, on fields of green his Mother's son
As a Father, Husband, Grandfather, Team-mate, and Son such a loving man this one
“And you're not going to catch me no, not going to catch me The Midnight Rider”
. . . Marshall Tucker
In Dundalk,
him and his best friend The Dynamic Duo
Dale Rothe were High School Lax stars
the world had stunned
Built for power and speed,
this Maryland Mid-fielder carried a big cannon a gun
While, his opponents were “Hiding On The Backstreets”. . . Bruce Springsteen, staying away from this one
The year was 1975,
and The Maryland Terrapins were barely
“Staying Alive” Bee Gees as it all begun
Armed with such fire power and “Beef” that year,
their opponents thought another championship would be won
Beset by injuries living on “The Dark Side Of The Moon” Pink Floyd,

some thought we were done
When, Easy Ed who had led the attack,
with a knee injury wasn't coming back, we were down one
Coach Beardmore said no fear,
“going take freight train, climb the highest mountain” Marshall Tucker “can't you see”
“can't you see, whoa can't you see, Marshall Tucker,
National Champ's Rog with your help we'll be “doing the deed” . . . Tulls
With his buddies Radebaugh, Urso, and Tuck, FLASH THEY WERE THE MAGNIFICENT THREE . . .
Like Batman and Robin and The Sundance Kid and Butch Cassidy
With so many stars on O and D like Farrell, Niels, and Bethman,
and all those who could start for any team easily
As throughout the lacrosse world they created such havoc,
MAKING THEM ALL FEEL THEIR DIS-EASE
Roger was a Lax Man and A Baller who could pound,
when he had to tell Coach Claiborne I got to leave now
6' 2" 220 lbs . . . built like a brick “you know what” house,
chiseled from the top to the ground
With his John Riggins esque frame even John would be proud
Buddy said “Brothers and Sisters” he's our's now,
to The Championship were “Southbound” Allman Brothers
With all his power blowing by his opponents at speed
It was like being “tied to the whipping post” . . . The Allman Brothers,
looking up all they saw was the back of his knees
Armed with a cannon “Blue Skies” . . . Allman Brothers,
as into the nets all his shots fast would fly
“It's nature's way, it's nature's way of telling you” goalies,
“something's wrong” Spirit goodbye
As the goal-keepers gave a big sigh of relief, saying, “if that had hit me it be my last”
I'm a lucky guy

While, Rog and his brothers Radebaugh and Urso,
were the future look in the game of lacrosse to reach for the skies
Like all Modern Day players built on Power, Strength, and Speed,
and like the rest of the Terp Mid-fielders who broken the dye
They trio were “The Good” “The Bad” and “The Ugly”,
and of a player what more could you ask?
While, all had the components of each I'll let you sort it out I'll take a pass
Taking no prisoners,

Roger and all The Maryland Lacrosse Players lived by a creed
It was the need for Scoring and the need for Speed,
and NCAA Championships to succeed
And for all his strength, power and speed,
Roger you were such a gentle giant we would see
With your big smile going on for miles and miles into infinity,
and as always so calm and cool as could be
And we can't remember you ever losing your temper Norm, getting angry
It takes hell of a man,
to be like you ROG with such a cool and calm and steady hand
Roger my friend “I heard it in a love song”
Marshall Tucker heaven is yours,
Roger That! And it won't be long
Yea, Roger there are lacrosse teams in heaven to which you can belong
And Coach Beardmore is already up there with Coach Renee,
Rick, Tom, Alan, Mike, and George strong
Don't worry Rog,
when you get your angel wings you'll be back to your old speed moving on
“And if I leave here tomorrow will you still remember me” . . . Lynyrd Skynyrd
Yes, we will Roger in our hearts you'll never leave
Like Rog “be a simple kind of man,
oh be someone you love and understand” . . . Lynyrd Skynyrd
“Sun beams shining through his hair, appearing not to have a care,
pick up your gear and gypsy roll on . . . roll on” The Allman Brothers